




## *Report to the Auburn City Council*

Action Item

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Agenda Item No.

City Manager's Approval

**To:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Mark D'Ambrogi, Fire Chief   
**Date:** June 9, 2014  
**Subject:** Authorization to sign the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grants Program Agreement number 788.

### **The Issue**

Shall the City Council authorize the Fire Chief to sign the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grants Program Agreement number 788?

### **Conclusion and Recommendation**

Staff recommends that City Council, by Resolution, authorize the Fire Chief to sign the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grants Program Agreement number 788.

### **Background**

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has awarded the City of Auburn \$157,110.00 in grant funding through Proposition 84 for fuels reduction to the American River Canyon Shaded Fuel Break. As a result of this award an agreement; number 788, has been developed to identify the terms and conditions as well as Project Scope for the disbursement of grant funds.

Such funding will be applied to the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation lands adjacent to the City of Auburn to enhance fire protection and support the work that many of the citizen groups have embarked upon.

The funding authorized will primarily be applied to actual "ground work" reducing fuels. There is approximately \$4,400.00 of funding of which will go towards Auburn Fire Department personnel grant administration costs. Personnel costs such as coordination, evaluation, monitoring, and project

oversight is considered “in kind matching” funded by each of the participating agencies; Auburn Fire, CA. State Parks, Bureau of Reclamation, and Cal Fire

**Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives**

1. Authorize, by Resolution, the Fire Chief to sign the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grants Program Agreement number 788;
2. Take no action; funding will not be made available through this awarded grant.

**Fiscal Impact**

All fiscal impacts have been identified within the submitted project application package; project budget section. The project was submitted with “in-kind” contribution by the City of Auburn Fire Department staff. This is mainly project coordination, oversight of work implementation, and project documentation. These are considered “normal” duties of fire department staff in implementing the American River Canyon Shaded Fuel Break project.

**Attachment(s):**

GRANT AGREEMENT #788

Signature Page State of California  
**Sierra Nevada Conservancy – GRANT AGREEMENT**

<b>GRANTEE NAME:</b>	City of Auburn Fire Department	
<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	American River Canyon Shaded Fuel Break, Phase Two	
<b>AUTHORITY:</b>	Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006	
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	Sierra Nevada Conservancy – Proposition 84	
<b>AGREEMENT NUMBER:</b>	788	
<b>PROJECT PERFORMANCE:</b>		
<p>Under the terms and conditions of this agreement, the applicant agrees to complete the project as described in the Project Scope described in Exhibit A, and any subsequent amendments, and provide the report(s) described in Exhibit B. The State of California, acting through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, agrees to fund eligible costs of the project up to the total grant amount as specified below. The performance period begins upon approval of this Agreement and ends no later than December 31, 2016.</p>		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b>		
<p>See project description on Page 1 and Exhibit A of the Agreement. Julie Griffith-Flatter (or such other person[s] as the Executive Officer may designate from time to time) is the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's designated Project Lead for this grant. The Grantee's officer, or employee with responsibility for administering this agreement, is Mr. Mark D'Ambrogi or successor.</p>		
Total State Grant not to exceed	\$157,110.00	(or project costs, whichever is less)
<b>The General and Special Provisions attached are made a part of, and incorporated into the Agreement.</b>		
<b>GRANTEE</b>	<b>STATE OF CALIFORNIA SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY</b>	
By:	By:	
Title:	JIM BRANHAM Executive Officer	
Date:	Date:	
Organization Address: 1225 Lincoln Way Auburn, CA 95603		

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING – FOR STATE USE ONLY					
ESTIMATED FUNDING		AGREEMENT NUMBER		FUND	
\$157,110.00		788		6051 Proposition 84	
ADJ. INCREASING ENCUMB		APPROPRIATION/FUNCTION		CHAPTER – STATUTE – FISCAL YEAR	
\$		3855-101-6051 LOCAL ASSISTANCE		1 – 2009 – 2012/13	
ADJ. DECREASING ENCUMB		TBA NO.	B.R. NO.		
\$					
UNENCUMBERED BALANCE		LINE ITEM ALLOTMENT			
\$					
INDEX	OBJECT	PCA	AGREEMENT NO.	AMOUNT	
9300	702.03	60592	788	\$157,110.00	
I hereby certify that budgeted funds are available for this encumbrance.					
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER					DATE

**GRANT AGREEMENT**  
**State of California – Sierra Nevada Conservancy**

**Grantee Name:** City of Auburn Fire Department

**Project Name:** American River Canyon Shaded Fuel Break, Phase Two

**Agreement Number:** 788

**Authority:** Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006

**Program:** Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grants Program, Public Resources Code Section 75050(j)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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Outcomes from the fuel reduction work include:

- Increased fire safety to the Auburn community
- A higher level of protection for an important watershed: American River
- A more diverse and healthy ecological system
- Enhanced recreational opportunities

Attached hereto in Exhibit A are: 1) a detailed Project Scope and description of the expected work products or "deliverables"; 2) project schedule; and 3) project Budget Categories. Detailed reporting requirements are described and attached hereto as Exhibit B.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF GRANT**

### **General Provisions**

#### **A. Definitions**

1. The term "Act" means The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).
2. The term "Advance Request" means the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's "Request for Advance, Proposition 84 State Grant Program" Form.
3. The term "Agreement" means this grant agreement.
4. The term "Application" means the grant application, its required attachments, and any other applicable materials supplied by the applicant to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy prior to award of the grant.
5. The term "Application Guidelines" means the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grant Guidelines.
6. The terms "Developed" and "Development" include, but are not limited to the physical improvement of real property, including the construction of facilities or structures.
7. The terms "Grant" and "Grant Funds" mean the money provided by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to the grantee under this agreement.
8. The terms "Grantee" and "Applicant" mean an applicant who has a signed agreement to receive grant funds from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.
9. The term "Payment Request Form" means Sierra Nevada Conservancy's "Request for Payment, Proposition 84 State Grant Program" Form.
10. The term "Project" means the activity described in Exhibit A to be accomplished with the use of grant funds.
11. The term "Project Budget" means the cost estimate approved by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and included in Exhibit A to this agreement, or as subsequently amended.
12. The term "Project Scope" means the goals and objectives to be accomplished by the project.
13. The term "Project Site" means the real property to be developed, restored, or otherwise enhanced, using funds provided under this agreement.

14. The terms "Restored" and "Restoration" refer to the improvement of physical structures or facilities and, in the case of natural systems and landscape features, include but are not limited to, projects for the control of erosion, the control and elimination of exotic species, prescribed burning, fuel hazard reduction, fencing out threats to existing or restored natural resources, road elimination, and other plant and wildlife habitat improvement to increase the natural system value of the property. Restoration projects shall include the planning, monitoring and reporting necessary to ensure successful implementation of the project objectives.
15. The term "SNC" means the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, an agency of the State of California.
16. The term "State" means the State of California.

B. Guidelines and Application – Incorporation by Reference

The application guidelines, the application, and any subsequent changes or additions to the application approved in writing by the SNC are hereby incorporated by reference into this agreement as though set forth in full in this agreement.

C. Project Implementation

1. The SNC hereby grants to the grantee a sum of money not to exceed the amount stated on the signature page of this agreement, on condition that the grant funds be expended for the eligible costs and purposes of the project as described in Exhibit A of this agreement and pursuant to all other terms and conditions set forth herein.
2. Grantee shall furnish any and all additional funds that may be necessary to complete the Project.
3. Grantee shall complete the project within the project performance period set forth on the signature page, unless an extension has been granted by the SNC in writing, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this agreement. Any requests for extensions must be made by the grantee in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of the project performance period.
4. When awarding a contract for a "public works project" funded under this act, the awarding body must comply with applicable State laws concerning the payment of prevailing wages (Labor Code section 1720 et seq., including sections 1771.5 and 1720.4; Public Resources Code section 75075). Before soliciting bids or entering into contracts for any physical work to be performed on land or on improvements to land, or for any inspections or surveys in preparation for such work, the grantee shall determine whether the activities to be contracted for include or constitute a "public works project" to which the said laws apply.
5. Grantee certifies that the project does and will continue to comply with all current laws and regulations which apply to the Project, including, but not limited to, legal

requirements for construction contracts and workers' compensation, building codes, environmental laws (including but not limited to the California Environmental Quality Act), health and safety codes, and disabled access laws.

6. Changes to the project scope resulting from compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act are permitted, provided the SNC determines that the project continues to meet all objectives of the project prior to implementing the change of project scope.
7. Grantee certifies, pursuant to Government Code section 16645 et seq., that 1) no State funds disbursed to grantee under this agreement will be used to assist, promote, or deter union organizing; and 2) if grantee incurs any costs for any such purpose(s), grantee will maintain records sufficient, under Government Code section 16645.2 to show that no reimbursement from State funds has been sought for these costs, and grantee will provide these records to the California Attorney General upon request.
8. Prior to commencing any work under this agreement, grantee shall obtain the SNC's written approval of any change or deviation from the original project scope set forth in Exhibit A and the application. In order to be approved, changes in the project scope must serve the need and purpose cited in the original application. Any modification to the project or project scope must also comply with all current laws and regulations and all other requirements of this agreement and the project must still be completed with available funding from the grantee and funds provided under this agreement. The request for the SNC written approval must be submitted to the SNC in writing at least thirty (30) days before the commencement of said work.
9. All actions and approvals, required to be taken by the SNC under this Agreement, may be taken by its Executive Officer or his/her designee.

#### D. Use of Land and Facilities

1. Grantee and its successors-in-interest shall maintain, operate, and use the project and the project site in a manner consistent with the purpose(s) set forth in the grant application and this agreement, for at least ten (10) years following the date of project completion. During said time, the grantee and its successors shall maintain an ownership interest in the land, or agreements with the owner(s) of the land, sufficient to assure control of the project site. The grantee and its successors, may assign the responsibility to maintain and operate the project site only with the written approval of the SNC, and may be excused from the obligation to maintain and operate the project site only upon the written approval of the SNC for good cause shown. "Good cause" includes, but is not limited to, natural disasters that destroy the project improvements and render the project obsolete or impracticable to rebuild.

2. The grantee and its successors shall not sell or otherwise relinquish control of the project site (including any portion of it or any interest in it) without the written approval of the SNC, but such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, provided that grantee tenders assurances to the SNC, in the form of legal documentation, that the grantee or its successor(s), as the case may be, remain bound and able to operate and maintain the project, the project site, and any improvements funded under the grant for at least ten (10) years from the date of project completion.
3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, nothing in this agreement shall prevent the transfer of the project site to a public agency including the federal government (excluding a public agency established under the laws of another state), provided the transferee expressly assumes all of the obligations of this agreement.
4. If, without the written consent of the SNC, the use of the project site is changed to a use not permitted by this agreement, or the project site or any portion of or interest in it is sold or conveyed without the assurances described in paragraph 2 above, grantee shall be liable to reimburse or pay the SNC one of the following amounts, to be determined by the SNC in its sole discretion: 1) the amount of the grant plus any interest accrued on grant funds or 2) the current fair market value or the replacement value, whichever is more, of all development, restoration, and other enhancement of the project site which has been funded under this agreement. Interest shall be calculated at the rate(s) earned by the State's Pooled Money Investment Account from the date of disbursement to the date of repayment, compounded monthly.
5. The grantee shall not use or allow the use of any portion of the project site for mitigation without the written permission of the SNC.
6. The grantee shall not use or allow the use of any portion of the project site as security for any debt, without the written consent of the SNC.

#### E. Deliverables

1. Upon completion of the project, copies of all written, visual, electronic, and other materials or work products created under this project as identified in Exhibit A of this agreement, except for those which are used up or consumed in carrying out the project, shall be provided to SNC by the grantee.
2. All electronic data collected and created under this agreement are required deliverables and will become the property of the SNC. A condition of final payment under this agreement includes delivery of all related data in the format requested. The SNC reserves the right to conduct technical review of interim or final project deliverables prior to making reimbursement or final payments. All final project deliverables must be submitted to the SNC within thirty (30) days of end of the project performance period as set forth in this agreement.

3. Spatial data will be included in the State's Biogeographic Information and Observation System (BIOS). BIOS is designed to enable the management, visualization, and analysis of biogeographic data collected by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and its partner organizations.
4. Spatial data provided to the SNC under this agreement should be delivered in an ESRI-useable format, where applicable, and documented with metadata in accordance with minimum BIOS metadata standards ([bios.dfg.ca.gov](http://bios.dfg.ca.gov)) and Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) metadata standards: ([www.fgdc.gov/](http://www.fgdc.gov/)).
5. The SNC shall have the full right to use said products in any manner it sees fit, free of any claim for additional compensation on the part of the grantee, or its vendors or subcontractors.

#### F. Publicity and Acknowledgment

Unless otherwise agreed upon between the parties, the grantee agrees that any publications, studies, or reports which are made possible by or derived in whole or in part from this project, and any news articles, brochures, seminars, or other promotional materials or media through which it publicizes the project will acknowledge the SNC's support in the following manner: "Funding for this project has been provided by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, an agency of the State of California."

#### G. Project Costs, Requests for Payment, Advances

1. Grantee agrees to use all grant funds provided by the SNC under the terms of this agreement solely for the project herein described.
2. Ten percent (10%) of the grant award amount will be retained by the SNC for disbursement upon successful completion of the granted project.
3. Grant funds provided to grantee under this agreement will be disbursed for eligible costs, on a reimbursement basis, except as provided in (4) below.
4. Up to two advance payments may be authorized at the discretion of the SNC if warranted by compelling need.
5. In no case shall an advance be authorized for a State agency or a Joint Powers Agency created by an agreement to which the State is a party.
6. If grant funds are advanced, the grantee shall place these funds in a separate interest bearing account, setting up and identifying such account upon receipt of the advance. Interest earned on grant funds shall be applied to the project, as approved by the SNC. The total amount paid out to the project may not exceed the grant award amount. Any overpayment of grant funds in excess of final project costs shall be returned to the SNC within sixty (60) days of completion of the project.

or by the end of the project performance period as shown on the signature page of this agreement, whichever is earlier.

7. Grantee shall use any income earned by the grantee from use or implementation of the project or the project site to further the general purposes of the project, or, if approved by the SNC, for other purposes consistent with the intent of the Act within the SNC jurisdiction, as defined in Public Resources Code section 33302(f).
8. Grant funds under this agreement must be expended within the time frame of the project performance period as set forth in this agreement.
9. Except as otherwise provided herein, the grantee shall expend grant funds in the manner described in the Exhibit A approved by the SNC. The total dollars of a category in the project budget categories may be increased by up to ten percent (10%) through a reallocation of funds from another category, without approval by the SNC, provided there are no adverse effects on project completion. The grantee shall include documentation in the final project report of any such reallocations made, and shall identify both the item(s) being increased and those being decreased. For the purposes of reallocation(s), any cumulative increase in a category or transfer between categories of more than ten percent (10%) from the original budget in the amount of a category must be approved in advance in writing by the SNC.

#### H. Payment Process and Documentation:

1. Payment of project invoices will not occur until the SNC has received a tax certificate and invoice payment process information from the Department of Finance and the State Treasurer's Office. The SNC will notify grantee in writing when the SNC has received the documents.
2. All requests for payments must be submitted using a completed request for payment form which is available at:

<http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/other-assistance/managing-your-grant>

3. This form must be accompanied by 1) an itemized list of all expenditures according to project budget categories, and 2) supporting documentation that clearly identifies the expenditure(s) in relation to the project budget categories in the Exhibit A of this agreement. Payment requests may not be submitted more often than monthly.
4. Any request for payment that is submitted without the required itemization and documentation will not be authorized for payment. If the payment request package is incomplete, inadequate, or inaccurate, the SNC will dispute the invoice for reasonable cause and hold all or a portion of the payment request until all required information is received or corrected. Any penalties imposed on the grantee by a contractor, or other consequence, because of delays in payment or other breach of

the agreement between the grantee and the contractor are the responsibility of the grantee and are not reimbursable under this agreement.

5. Ten percent (10%) of each request for payment will be retained unless SNC agrees, in writing, to a different withholding rate. A written request for a different withholding rate must be submitted to the SNC at least thirty (30) days before any adjustment can be made. The cumulative ten percent (10%) retention will be issued to the grantee upon successful completion of the project.
6. If an advance has been issued, each subsequent request for payment amount will be retained and applied against the advance amount balance until the advance amount has been repaid in full. Advance requests must be submitted using a completed advance request form which is available at:

<http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/other-assistance/managing-your-grant>

First advance requests may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total grant award. First and second advance requests may not cumulatively exceed ninety percent (90%) of the total grant award.

7. Final payment of remaining grant funds, including amounts withheld from previous payments, shall be paid up to the total amount of the grant award or the actual project cost, whichever is less, upon completion of the project, receipt of all deliverables, the final report and the final request for payment from the grantee in form and content satisfactory to the SNC, and the satisfactory completion of a site inspection or other deliverables review by the SNC.
8. Final payment is contingent upon SNC verification that the project, as implemented, is consistent with the project scope as described in Exhibit A, together with any SNC approved amendments to the project scope.

#### H. Project Review, Inspection, and Documentation

1. Grantee shall promptly submit written project progress reports and/or photographs upon request by the SNC or as specified in this agreement. Progress reports must be submitted using the progress report template form which is available at:

<http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/other-assistance/managing-your-grant>

2. Grantee shall provide access to the SNC upon twenty-four (24) hours notice to evaluate work completed or being performed pursuant to this agreement, including work by contractors and subcontractors, in accordance with the approved project scope. Grantee shall require all contractors and subcontractors, in such event, to provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the SNC's representative(s) in making such inspections.

3. Unless otherwise authorized by the SNC in writing, grantee shall submit all documentation of project completion, including but not limited to, a final request for payment within thirty (30) days of project completion.

I. Project Termination

1. Prior to the completion of the project, either party may terminate this agreement by providing the other party with thirty (30) days written notice of termination.
2. If the SNC terminates this agreement prior to the end of the project performance period, the grantee shall take all reasonable measures to prevent further costs to the SNC hereunder. The SNC shall be responsible for any reasonable and non-cancelable obligations incurred by the grantee under this agreement prior to the date of the notice to terminate, but only up to the undisbursed balance of funding authorized in this agreement.
3. If the grantee fails to complete the project in accordance with the terms of this agreement, or fails to fulfill any other essential obligation(s) under this agreement, the grantee shall be liable for immediate repayment to the SNC of all amounts disbursed by the SNC under this agreement, plus accrued interest. Interest shall be calculated at the rate(s) earned by the State's Pooled Money Investment Account from the date of disbursement to the date of repayment, compounded monthly. In the case of any such failure occurring during the project performance period set forth on the signature page of this agreement, all obligations of SNC and the State hereunder shall be suspended until the failure is corrected; and if the grantee does not correct the failure within thirty (30) days following notice by the SNC to do so, the failure shall constitute an automatic termination of this agreement for cause. The SNC may, in its sole discretion, consider extenuating circumstances and may waive, in whole or in part, any provision of this paragraph, subject to the requirements of the Act and other applicable laws. This paragraph shall not be deemed to limit any other remedies the SNC may have for breach of this agreement by grantee.

J. Financial Records

1. The grantee shall establish an official file for the project. The file shall contain adequate documentation of all actions that are taken with respect to the project.
2. The grantee shall keep separate and complete accounting records for receipt, deposit, and payment of all project funds, including interest. All funds received by the grantee shall be deposited in separate fund accounts that identify the funds and clearly show the manner of their disposition.
3. The grantee agrees that adequate supporting documentation shall be maintained in sufficient detail to provide an audit trail which will permit tracing transactions from support documentation to the accounting records to the financial reports and billings.

4. The grantee shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence sufficient to reflect properly the amount, receipt, and disposition of all project funds, including State funds, interest earned, and any matching funds by the grantee and the total cost of the project. The maintenance requirements extend to books of original entry, source documents supporting accounting transactions, the general ledger, subsidiary ledgers, personnel and payroll records, canceled checks, and related documents and records. Source documents include copies of all awards, applications, and required financial and narrative reports. Personnel and payroll records shall include the time and attendance reports for all individuals who are compensated or reimbursed under the grant, whether they are employed full-time or part-time. Time and effort reports are also required for consultants and contractors. Adequate supporting documentation shall be maintained by consultants and contractors in sufficient detail to provide an audit trail which will permit tracing transactions from the invoices to the financial statement, to the accounting records, and to the supporting documentation.
5. Grantee shall use applicable generally accepted accounting principles, unless otherwise agreed to by the SNC.

#### K. Audit Requirements

1. The SNC reserves the right to call for a program audit or a financial audit at any time between the execution of this agreement and the completion date or, in case of early termination, the termination of the project. Within ten (10) working days of a request by the SNC, grantee shall furnish, at its own expense, legible copies of all materials deemed pertinent to the request. At any time, the SNC may disallow all or part of the cost of any activity or action which it determines to be out of compliance with the terms and conditions of this agreement.
2. In addition, this agreement, the project, and all expenditures hereunder shall remain subject to examination and audit by the State of California, including but not limited to the Secretary of the Resources Agency, the Department of Finance, and the State Auditor, for a period of three (3) years after the final payment under this agreement, or after the completion of the final audit by the SNC, whichever is later. During said period, all of grantee's books and records pertaining to the project shall be preserved, and shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, examination, monitoring, copying, excerpting, transcribing, and audit by the State of California.

#### L. Assignment

Except as expressly provided by written agreement between SNC and the grantee, this agreement is not assignable by the grantee either in whole or in part. Any such request for assignment must be presented in writing to the SNC at least sixty (60) days prior to the proposed action.

M. No Agency Agreement

In carrying out this agreement, the grantee and its agents and employees shall be deemed to be acting in an independent capacity with respect to the SNC, and not as the officers, employees, or agents of the SNC or the State.

N. Liability

1. By executing this agreement, the grantee shall indemnify and save harmless the SNC and the State of California, and their officers, agents, and employees, from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, damages or costs resulting from, growing out of, or in any way connected with or incident to this agreement, except as, and to the extent, arising out of the active negligence or intentional wrongdoing of the SNC and the State of California and their officer(s), agent(s) or employee(s). The duty of the grantee to indemnify and save harmless includes the duty to defend as set forth in Civil Code Section 2778.
2. The parties expressly acknowledge that this agreement is an agreement for the subvention of public funds from the SNC to the grantee, and is not an "agreement" as the term is defined in Government Code Section 895 or a "construction contract" under Civil Code Sections 2782 or 2783. Accordingly, it is acknowledged that grantee does not, in matters arising under this agreement, have any right to contribution and indemnity from the SNC and/or the State of California arising under Government Code Sections 895.2 and 895.6.
3. Grantee waives any and all rights to any express or implied indemnity or right of contribution from the SNC and its members, the State, its and their officer(s), agent(s) or employee(s), for any liability resulting from, growing out of, or in any way connected with or incident to this agreement, except such liability as results from the active negligence or the intentional wrongdoing of the SNC, or its member(s), officer(s), agent(s), or employee(s), and in the case of joint negligence, is in direct proportion to the SNC's share of fault.

O. Nondiscrimination

The grantee shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, age, marital status, sexual orientation, and denial of family care leave in the use of any property or facility acquired or developed pursuant to this agreement.

P. Severability

If any provision of this agreement or the application thereof is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this agreement are severable.

If State funding for any fiscal year covered under this agreement is suspended, reduced, or eliminated for purposes of this program, the State shall have the option to either suspend or cancel this agreement with no liability occurring to the State. In this event, the State shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to grantee for work performed subsequent to notice of suspension or cancelation or to furnish any other considerations under this agreement and grantee shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this agreement.

Q. Waiver

No term or provision hereof will be considered waived by either party, and no breach is excused or consented to by either party, unless such waiver or consent is in writing and signed on behalf of the party against whom the waiver is asserted. No express or implied consent by either party to, waiver of or failure of a party to enforce its rights with respect to a breach by the other party shall constitute consent to, or waiver of, any subsequent or other breach by the other party.

R. Time of the Essence

Time is of the essence with respect to the completion date set forth in Exhibit A. With respect to all other dates set forth therein, grantee shall use best efforts to accomplish the tasks by the specified dates.

S. Amendment

This agreement may be amended by mutual agreement in writing between grantee and SNC. Any request by the grantee for amendments must be in writing stating the amendment request and reason for the request. The grantee shall make requests in a timely manner and in no event less than sixty (60) days before the effective date of the proposed amendment.

T. Entire Agreement

This agreement, and the attached exhibit, constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto relating to the project and may not be modified except by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program  
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control,  
River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

**Grantee:** City of Auburn Fire Department

**Project Title:** American River Canyon Shaded Fuel Break II

**Agreement No:** 788

**PROJECT SCOPE**

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- Enhanced recreational opportunities

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Pre-implementation fieldwork and coordination: Assess project areas; establish operations plan; mark and flag project area, project boundaries, hazards, mitigation areas, and access locations; coordinate with project partners on treatment prescription; conduct training; review emergency	July – December 2014

procedures; secure vendor/contractor; signing and posting of recreational trails.	
Fuels thinning and chipping	September 2014 – December 2016
6 month Progress Reports	December 31, 2014 June 30, 2015 December 31, 2015 June 30, 2016
<b>FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST</b>	December 31, 2016

**PROJECT COSTS**

<b>PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>TOTAL SNC FUNDING</b>
Project Contractor/Consultants (Cal Fire CDCR Hand Crews)	\$19,210.00
Project Contractor/Consultants (Chipping vendors w/specialized equipment)	\$130,200.00
Project Equipment/Signage	\$3,300.00
Administrative Expenses	\$4,400.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$157,110.00</b>

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program  
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control,  
River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

**Grantee Name:** City of Auburn Fire Department  
**Project Title:** American River Canyon Shaded Fuel Break II  
**Agreement Number:** 788

**PROJECT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**Progress and Final Report(s):**

The Grantee shall provide six-month progress reports and a final report as specified in the Project Schedule in Exhibit A. Six-month progress reports shall reflect work completed in the previous six months and final reports shall reflect the entire grant period. A template and instructions for completing these reports can be found on the SNC Web site in the following location: [www.sierranevada.ca.gov/grantee.html](http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/grantee.html)

Progress and final reports shall include but not be limited to:

1. A summary of work completed during the reporting period;
2. A statement of tasks or milestones and a report on the status of each, including public and agency meetings and other partnerships;
3. A statement of any challenges or opportunities encountered in accomplishing the scope of work;
4. An assessment of deliverables or outcomes as compared to the timeline in the Project Schedule;
5. A comparison of actual versus budgeted costs to date; and
6. Copies of any other relevant materials produced under the terms of this agreement.

**Performance Measures:**

The Grantee shall report on performance measures. The Grantee shall consider the following four quantitative performance measures and report on the ones that relate to this project.

**1. Resources Leveraged in the Sierra Nevada:**

The purpose of this performance measure is to measure the additional resources generated as a result of SNC investment. The total value is based on matching funds provided by external, number of volunteer hours, and the value of major in-kind contributions made to a project. Additional information can be found on the

SNC Web site in the following location:

[www.sierranevada.ca.gov/docs/Res\\_Lvrqd\\_SN.pdf](http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/docs/Res_Lvrqd_SN.pdf)

**2. Number and Diversity of People Reached:**

The purpose of this performance measure is to measure progress of information-sharing and education efforts and inclusiveness of other project efforts such as plan development. Additional information can be found on the SNC Web site in the following location: [www.sierranevada.ca.gov/docs/Nm\\_Ppl\\_Rchd.pdf](http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/docs/Nm_Ppl_Rchd.pdf)

**3. Number and Type of Jobs Created:**

The purpose of this performance measure is to measure economic benefits to the Sierra Nevada Region by tracking the full-time equivalent jobs created by SNC-funded activities. Additional information can be found on the SNC Web site in the following location: [www.sierranevada.ca.gov/docs/Nm\\_Type\\_Jobs.pdf](http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/docs/Nm_Type_Jobs.pdf)

**4. Number and Value of New, Improved or Preserved Economic Activities:**

The purpose of this performance measure is to measure the types, quantities, and, where appropriate, estimated dollar values of new, improved, or preserved activities, products, and services resulting from the project. Additional information can be found on the SNC Web site in the following location: [www.sierranevada.ca.gov/docs/Nm\\_Val\\_Imp\\_Pre\\_EconAc.pdf](http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/docs/Nm_Val_Imp_Pre_EconAc.pdf)

In addition, the Grantee shall report on one to three project-specific performance measures that will help describe project outcomes in a measureable way. For additional information about project –specific performance measures please visit the performance measures pages on the SNC Web site: [Managing Your Grant](#). The specific performance measures and the associated targets for this project include the following:

**Acres of Land Improved or Restored**

The purpose of this Performance Measure (PM) is to track efforts to improve natural resource conditions, such as site productivity and wildlife habitat, through site improvement or restoration activities and reduce the risk of natural disasters, such as catastrophic wildfire, flood, avalanche, etc. Wherever possible, acres should be categorized by importance or priority rating, such as acres of critical habitat, or acres in moderate, high and very high fire hazard areas as delineated by Cal FIRE's Fire Hazard Severity Zoning Map.

[www.sierranevada.ca.gov/docs/Acres\\_Land\\_Imp\\_Res.pdf](http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/docs/Acres_Land_Imp_Res.pdf)

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RESOLUTION NO. 14-  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN AGREEMENT NUMBER  
788 FOR THE SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 84 GRANT  
PROGRAM TO FUND THE AMERICAN RIVER CANYON SHADED FUEL BREAK  
PROJECT

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WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have  
provided Funds for the Proposition 84 Grant Program; and  
WHEREAS, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has been delegated the  
responsibility for the administration of a portion of these funds through a local  
assistance grants program, establishing necessary procedures; and  
WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
require a resolution certifying the approval of the applications(s) by the  
Applicant's governing body before submission of said application(s) to the  
SNC; and  
WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the  
SNC to carry out the project; and  
WHEREAS, the City has identified the American River Canyon Shaded Fuel  
Break project as valuable toward meeting its mission and goals.  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:  
1. Approves the submittal of an application for the American River Canyon  
Shaded Fuel Break project; and  
2. Certifies that the Applicant understands the assurances and certification  
requirements in the application; and  
3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to  
operate and maintain the resources(s) consistent with the long term  
benefits described in support of the application; or continue to secure  
the resources to do so; and

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- 4. Certifies that Applicant will comply with all legal requirements as determined during the application process: and
- 5. Designates the Fire Chief as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to: applications, agreements, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

DATED: June 9, 2014

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Bridget Powers, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Stephanie L. Snyder, City Clerk

I, Stephanie L. Snyder , City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn held on the 9th day of June 2014 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:  
  
Noes:  
  
Absent:

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Stephanie L. Snyder, City Clerk